

Joseph Stouffer House II  
1301-03 8th Street  
First Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
Blair County  
Pennsylvania

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Location: 1301-03 8th Street

Date of Erection: 1882

Description: This four-hay double house, measuring approximately 30'-6" x 28'-6", has a wood-frame structure with its original drop siding. There is a side-gable roof with chimneys in each end. The window surrounds are slightly pedimented and incised. The two doors, located in the end bays, have metal awnings.

History: Joseph Stouffer, who lived at 803 Lexington Ave. from before 1870 until his death in 1913, built this house for rental purposes in 1882. In 1901, William Bragonier, a painter, lived in No. 1301 (then No. 1309) with his wife, Anna, and Henry D. Grove, a carpenter, lived in No. 1303 (then No. 1311) with his wife and daughter. In 1938, Stouffer's daughters gave the house to the Presbyterian Home.

Sources: Maps: 1882, 1894. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 26/385, 441/499. U.S. Census, 1900.

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